

GALT TRAFFIC

FEBRUARY 2004

PASTA POTLUCK



Studio @ One Zero Charlie at sunset

Once again Joeleen and Michael Stanard are graciously opening their home and studio on Galt Airport to EAA 932 members as well as all friends of One Zero Charlie for our annual **PASTA POTLUCK!** And this year, it falls on Valentines Day, so maybe all you big spenders that were going to take your Valentine to Chicago for four star dining, dancing and a night at the Ritz Carlton might just want to reconsider.

Bring a dish to pass – the theme is *Italian* – and bring your favorite beverage. The Chapter will furnish soft drinks, coffee, napkins, plates, cups and plastic silverware, just like post 911 1st Class airline service (no, not Coach, you don't need plastic silverware to eat pretzels).

The Pasta Potluck has really worked out well the past several years; we've got some really great cooks out there and some of the dishes have really been superb!

We will have a brief **meeting at 10 AM and then set up for the supper**. This won't take long as most everything is in place. We'll just have to set up a few tables and chairs, etc...

Then, plan to **arrive around 6:00 PM** for drinks and dinner

We could use a few hands to help with a **clean up the next day, Sunday, at 1:00 PM**. If you could show up at Galt around 1:00 PM it would be appreciated. Hope to see you at Studio @ One Zero Charlie **Saturday February 14th**.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT ENGINES?



Poplar Grove Airmotive has generously donated enough "red tag" parts to assemble a Continental A-65. Jeff Hill, Jr. (a licensed A&P) would like to make a cutaway model out of it for display at our functions, such as Young

Eagle Rallies. If you would like to help out and learn how to clean, inspect and reassemble an aircraft engine (and a very popular model, indeed) come to the next chapter meeting **Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10 AM**.

2004 DUES DUE

2004 Chapter dues are now due. What a bargain – only \$10 per year! If you were a non-EAA introductory member in 2003 and join EAA, your 2004 dues are FREE. Just report your EAA number and expiration date to the Treasurer. Send your check made out to EAA Chapter 932 to Treasurer Dave Spitzbart, 250 Hoy Ave., Woodstock, IL 60098. Anyone who has not "re-upped by Mar. 31 will be dropped from the membership roster.

NAME BADGES

I've finally gotten a response from the name badge place up in Oshkosh. This is a photo of a badge, front and back. I'll bring information to the Feb meeting. – Mike Dean



DON'T THROW AWAY THAT OLD CELL PHONE

By Jeff Hill, Sr.

"Rats! Now I've done it, haven't I? And I don't have my cell phone with me, oh, am I having a bad day! Good thing there are witnesses, someone will call 911."



If this were you (without witnesses) would you rather have an ELT with the antenna pointed at the Earth's core, or a cell phone?

We should all carry some survival gear but forget fish-hooks and farmer's matches and other

Robinson Crusoe type stuff. The heart and soul of a survival kit is its emergency communications device(s). Your ELT is one. It has some real plusses (long range, for instance) but a few minuses too, such as too many false alarms tempering enthusiastic and immediate responses efforts. If your ELT signal is received, you can bet that it will be a while before anyone shows up.

Cell phones are great, but they're only short-range radio transceivers. If you're really out in the boonies, you may not be within range of a cell tower. (Tip: Coverage is very good along the Interstate Highway System, even in remote areas. Another reason to fly the "Concrete Compass".)

Here is how you can have a cell phone in your aircraft at all times at no cost: When you (or a pal) gets a new cell phone, save the old one! Once a cell phone has been initialized, that is, set up with a phone number by a cell phone service provider, it should still be able to make a 911 call even though the number and service has been cancelled or transferred to another phone. It won't receive calls, or make any other than 911 calls (you'll have to wait until you get home to call your lawyer) but it will get you in touch with the local emergency services system and that's what you need *right now*. Since you won't turn the phone on unless you need to make a 911 call, you'll only have to charge the battery occasionally. Make sure the battery will hold a charge, though. If not, invest in a new one. Since there's nothing worse than emergency equipment that won't work, you should also test the phone itself, initially and perhaps annually thereafter. The McHenry County Emergency Tel. Sys. 911 coordinator (mcetsb@co.mchenry.il.us) offers these tips: Avoid high call times, during the rush hours (6-9 AM & 4-7 PM) periods of severe weather, etc... Do not just call and hang up, as this will create an unnecessary disruption for the agency receiving your call. Just say, "Operator, I am testing an un-initialized emergency-use-only cell phone – is this transmission normal?"



A couple of caveats: You can't be sure what agency your call will be routed to, so don't assume it's the nearest town. Realize you can make "voice calls" only. The dispatcher has no way of knowing your position or identity or any thing that you are not able to communicate verbally – this is true of un-initialized cell phones only.

The Boy Scouts say, "be prepared" – good advice!



2004 FLY-IN / EVENTS CALENDAR

FEB 14 Pasta Potluck 6 PM at *Studio@10C* (setup after 10 AM meeting. Cleanup 1 PM Sunday)
MAR 13 EAA 932 mtg. 10 AM Trip to either B-17 project or Challenger Center – T.B.A.
APR 10 EAA 932 mtg. 10 AM, Young Eagles 11-4, Work Day
APR 13-19 Sun 'n Fun www.eaa.org for links
MAY 8 EAA 932 mtg. 10 AM, Young Eagles 11-4
JUN 12 EAA 932 mtg. 10 AM, Young Eagles 11-4
JUN 2-? Oshkosh Work Weekend (John Roach)
JUL 10 EAA 932 mtg. 10 AM, Young Eagles 11-4
JUL 27-AUG 2 Airventure 2004 www.eaa.org
AUG 14-15 EAA 932/Galt Airport Flyers & Tires (no mtg.)
SEP 11 EAA 932 mtg. 10 AM, Young Eagles 11-4
OCT 9 EAA 932 Chilifest/Hayride/Bonfire 6 PM (no mtg.)
NOV 13 EAA 932 mtg. 10 AM, Young Eagles 11-4 (last of '04)
DEC 11 EAA 932 mtg. 10 AM

For information on **Fly-Ins**, aviation **events** and **alerts** to pilots, check the following web sites:

EAA: www.eaa.org

AOPA: www.aopa.org

EAA 932: www.eaa932.org

FAA: www.faa.gov

IL DOT: www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html

WI DOT: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html

EAA 932 Meetings 2nd Saturdays 10 am and Young Eagle Flights 11-4 pm (Apr.-Nov.)

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THREE RETIRED PILOTS by JHsr.



Foxy: "Hey, Oscar, how did your 50th high school reunion go?"
Oscar: It was a real bummer! I couldn't believe how dumpy the gals have gotten and the guys are all fat and bald – and talk about senile – most of 'em didn't even recognize me!"

